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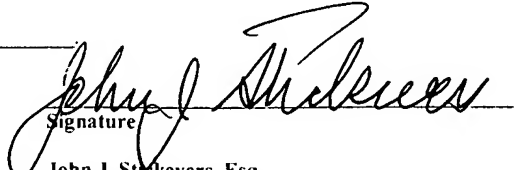
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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

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1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449)
3. ☐ Statement as to Information Not Found in Patents or Publications
4. ☐ Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
5. ☐ Cumulative Patents or Publications
6. ☒ Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
7. ☐ Concise Explanation of Non-English Language Listed Information Items
  - 7A. ☐ JEPO Search Report
  - 7B. ☐ English Language Version of EPO Search Report
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Sections \_\_\_\_\_, respectively, have been continued on ADDED PAGE(S).

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## **Section 1. Preliminary Statements**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose.

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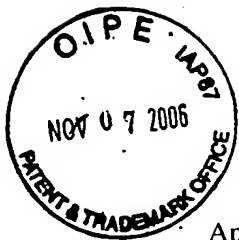
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LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR  
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Document Number	Issue Date	Inventor	Class/Subclass
	AE	US 6,961,756	Nov. 01, 2005	Dilsaver, et al.	709/205
	AF	US 6,631,184	Oct. 07, 2003	Weiner	379/92.01
	AG	US 6,347,332	Feb. 12, 2002	Malet, et al.	709/205
	AH	US 6,275,811	Aug. 14, 2001	Ginn	705/10
	AI	US 6,195,652	Feb. 27, 2001	Fish	707/2
	AJ	US 6,115,691	Sept. 05, 2000	Ulwick	705/7
	AK	US 6,029,192	Feb. 22, 2000	Hill, et al.	709/206
	AL	US 6,026,387	Feb. 15, 2000	Kesel	706/52
	AM	US 5,911,043	Jun. 08, 1999	Duffy, et al.	395/200.33
	AN	US 5,878,233	Mar. 02, 1999	Schloss	395/200.55
	AO	US 5,566,291	Oct. 15, 1996	Boulton, et al.	395/161
	AP	US 5,377,355	Dec. 27, 1994	Hager, et al.	395/650

U.S. PATENT PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS					
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	AQ	US 2002/0065802	May 30, 2002	Uchiyama	707/1
	AR	US 2002/0065709	May 30, 2002	MacKenzie	705/10
	AS	US 2002/0091543	July 11, 2002	Thakur	705/1

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT						
Examiner Initials	Reference Number	Country Code	Document Number	Publication Date	Patentee or Applicant	Class/Subclass
	AT	CA	2280372 (Patent Application)	Aug. 17 1999	Ste-Marie et al.	H04L 12/16



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	AU	" <i>Report on Business</i> ," supplement to The Globe and Mail, Toronto, Canada, December 1998, 3 pages.

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Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (substitute for Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

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☐ Items in prior application, from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

☐ Cumulative patents or publications identified in Section 5.



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- (b) ☐ an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. section 1.56(c))

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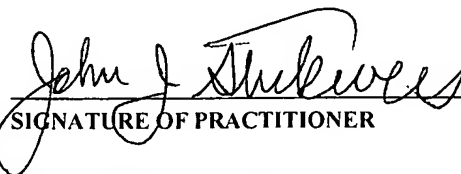
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